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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

<b>Office Action Summary</b>	Application No.	Applicant(s)
	10/802,638	MADLE ET AL.
	Examiner Satya B. Sastri	Art Unit 1713

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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#### Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 18 September 2006.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**.                            2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

#### Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-8 and 10 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-8, 10 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

#### Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.  
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).  
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

#### Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All    b) Some \* c) None of:
  1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
  2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
  3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

\* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

#### Attachment(s)

1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)	4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)	5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application
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**DETAILED ACTION**

1. This office action is in response to amendment filed on September 18, 2006. *Claims 1-8, 10* are now pending in the application.
2. In view of the amendment, all previous rejections are withdrawn. Additionally, new rejections as presented in this action are necessitated by the amendment.

*Previously Cited Statutes*

3. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
4. *Claims 1-8, 10* are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over JP 60-250072 ('072, English translation).

Prior art to '072 concerns coating compositions comprising a modified acryl copolymer containing 5-25 wt.% of a vinyl type monomer containing an epoxy group which is further reacted with 5-60 parts by wt. of a fatty acid (abstract). Additionally, the ratio of the epoxy groups may range from 1.0-1.25 equivalents per equivalent of the fatty acid carboxyl group (page 5, lines 13-19). The compositions may also include a ring opening catalyst for the epoxy group in order to promote the addition reaction. Disclosed catalysts include a variety of tertiary amines (page 8, lines 27-31). The compositions may also include metal containing dryers to promote oxidative polymerization of the fatty acid (page 9, paragraphs 3 and 4). Additionally,

alkyd resins having unsaturated bonds derived from fatty acids and glycols or polyols are also included in the composition.

The difference between the prior art and the instant invention is that the prior art does not explicitly teach an aqueous dispersion.

The prior art discloses solution polymerization for the acryl copolymer and further reaction with a fatty acid in an organic solvent medium. However, the prior art also recognizes that the modified acryl copolymer obtained by the addition of fatty acid into a copolymer containing an epoxy group has good dilution characteristics with respect to water (page 2, lines 28-30). Given the good dilution characteristics in water, it would have been obvious to a skilled artisan at the time the invention was made to perpare an aqueous dispersion of modified acryl copolymer with a reasonable expectation of success, and thereby obtain the instant invention.

***Action Is Final***

5. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37

CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

***Future Correspondence***

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Satya Sastri whose telephone number is 571-272-1112.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wu can be reached on 571-272-1114. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (571) 273-8300 for regular communications. The unofficial direct fax phone number to the Examiner's desk is 571-273-1112.

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